

H. E. C. TUCKER HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY

The burning of the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. C. Tucker on Woodlawn Place Sunday night, was one of the most dangerous fires in Mexico for years. The fire started about 11:30 o'clock Sunday night in the basement of the house, and had gained much headway before it was discovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were awakened by their room being full of smoke. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Phillip were up and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilkins were just going to bed on the sleeping porch when they heard Mrs. Tucker scream. Mr. Phillip got J.A. Glandon's ladder from the driveway, and succeeded in getting Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Bobby Tucker, and J. G. Merideth and Mr. Bothe, who room there, out of the house before the fire truck arrived. The smoke and fire was so thick on the stairway that they could not get down.

The house was burned badly inside, all the furniture and clothes being lost. Only a small hole was burned in the roof, but all the windows were broken and the entire inside of the house ruined.

About 5:30 o'clock Monday morning, the fire broke out again from clothes in a closet. All the clothes, and furniture with the exception of one chair in the house burned. Nothing was saved. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

GIVE PARTY

The pledges of the Eta Upsilon Gamma sorority of Hardin College entertained the active members with a party Sunday night, in the room of Miss Rita Mitchell. The room was decorated in green and gold, the sorority colors. The favors given were English walnuts, tied with green and gold ribbons, each one containing a verse.

The following girls were at the party: Emily Gibbs, Ann Long, Ann Collison, Violet Lowe, Dorothy Johnston, Mable Hill and Rosebud McPherson. The pledges who entertained are Sallie Beeler, Frances Parker, Elizabeth Harper, Elbertine Boone, Doradell Kellog, Vave Saxon, Rita Mitchell, Fern Foster, Margarite Nichols and Zolpha Piper.

Miss Burhl Hibbs, who has been executive secretary of the Audrain County chapter of the Red Cross since June, will leave for her home in Columbia, Ohio, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. P. Rogers and son of Laddonia spent the day here Monday.

10 ON DEBATING SQUAD AT MCMILLAN HIGH SCHOOL

The debating squad for McMillan has been chosen at McMillan High School, and will have their first debates December 17 and 23. These debates are trial debates, to decide who will represent the school in the inter-school debates, the first of which is to be January 7 with the Slater high school team.

Last year, Betsy Worrell and John Bybee represented the school. This year, the team will be chosen from the following squad of ten: Linwood Robinson, Bill Botts, Lucille Thompson, Johnston Coil, Betsy Worrell, Mary Catherine Morris, John Bybee, Raymond Gibbs, Clifford Hildebrand and Leroy Thomas.

The two trial debates, and the inter-school debate will be on the following subject: Resolved that capital and labor should be compelled to settle their disputes in compulsory courts of arbitration.

According to Miss Culbertson, coach, there will be two debaters and an alternate represent the school in the inter-school debate. All except four of the squad, Linwood Robinson, Betsy Worrell, Bill Botts and John Bybee, are inexperienced.

Pershing Way Over Two Thousand Miles Long Log Shows

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa, Dec. 13.—The log of the Pershing Way, the tentative draft of which has just been completed at international headquarters here, shows that the highway is 2,020.3 miles long, runs through sixty-eight provinces, counties and parishes, includes 250 towns and cities, and runs through more interesting touring country than perhaps any other highway in the country.

There are no long dull stretches in the P. W., but the tourist finds a widely varied country, rich in scenic beauty, historic importance, and industrial and agricultural interest.

The preliminary work of locating and organization has been completed and the association will begin now its real functions, which are those of publicity and advertising. This will be done by books, touring guides, the Pershing Way Magazine, maps and special articles for the newspapers and magazines. The Pershing Way has attracted wide attention, and headquarters is constantly receiving requests from other highways for advice and information.

A. M. LaFon went to Fulton Monday on business.

McCLINTIC ITEMS.
The McClintic School is going to have a Christmas tree Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Everyone is invited. There will be a program. — Miss Lucille Mollet was a visitor of Miss Edna May Swallow Sunday night. — Ed Ferris was the guest of George Ferris Tuesday evening. — Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Geis and family were in Laddonia Wednesday morning on business. — Lee and Roscoe Ehrlich were the guests of Walter and John Hitz Sunday. — Miss Hilda Kombrink and Miss Ruth Miller were the week-end guests of Mrs. W. P. Mollet. — Mr. and Mrs. Grover Weber and son were the guests of Theodore Hitz and family Sunday. — Miss Nadine Hagan was out of school last week because of illness. — Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Hagan were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Flynn Sunday evening. — Thomas Hagan was the guest of John Charles Hagan Sunday afternoon. — McCall Anderson was out of school this week because of illness. — Frank Flynn and Fritz Craig was the guest of Mr. and

Mrs. Ed Ferris Sunday evening. — E. P. Paige and family and P. O. Paige and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Paige Sunday. — Miss Lois Paige, Carl Paige, Earl Paige, Jr., Clark Paige and Miss Hazel Paige were guests of the Harrison children Sunday evening.

LIBERTY DISTRICT.

We are to have a Christmas tree and program at our school Friday night, December 24. We extend an invitation to all to come and help us celebrate the best holiday of the year. — We are sorry to hear of the sickness of Mrs. Will Ravenscraft. — Mrs. Owen and family entertained at Sunday dinner. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kesler, Mrs. Newman and children, Miss Ada Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crockett. — Mrs. Wright and Miss Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall. — Miss Helen Shahan, Miss Lena Smith and Miss Verna Lov-

inger spent the week-end at their homes. — Mrs. Sam Bise spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Will Ravenscraft. — Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bise and daughter, Celia Mae, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lockridge. — Miss Lela Davis spent the week-end at her home near Thompson.

Prevention of Disease.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 14.—It is easy to show that disease and death are costly to the community, and that all money spent in preventing sickness is a good investment, says Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the School of Medicine of the University of Missouri, president of the American Public Health Association.

Take typhoid fever, for example. It attacks chiefly young adults in the prime of life. One case in every ten results in death. Those who recover lose from four to six weeks of time, and often are not in fit condition for a much longer period. The disease

is caused usually by water polluted with human sewage, and is prevented by proper disposal of sewage and the use of good water.

In other words, typhoid fever is always the result of violation of simple and well-known precautions, for which there is no good excuse at present.

Pennsylvania has shown the world what purification of water will do to lessen typhoid fever. Severe epidemics at Plymouth in 1885, Pittsburgh and Alleghany in 1900, and Butler in 1908 have taught the people of Pennsylvania a hard lesson. About 1906 the legislature passed a new health law, and for the first time a whole-time Commissioner of Health was appointed, with powers and a liberal appropriation.

One of his first acts was to improve the water supplies of the state, with the following results: 1906, number of deaths from typhoid in the state, 3,917, or 54.8 for each 100,000 of population. 1914, number of deaths, 1,075, or 13 for each 100,000. Number

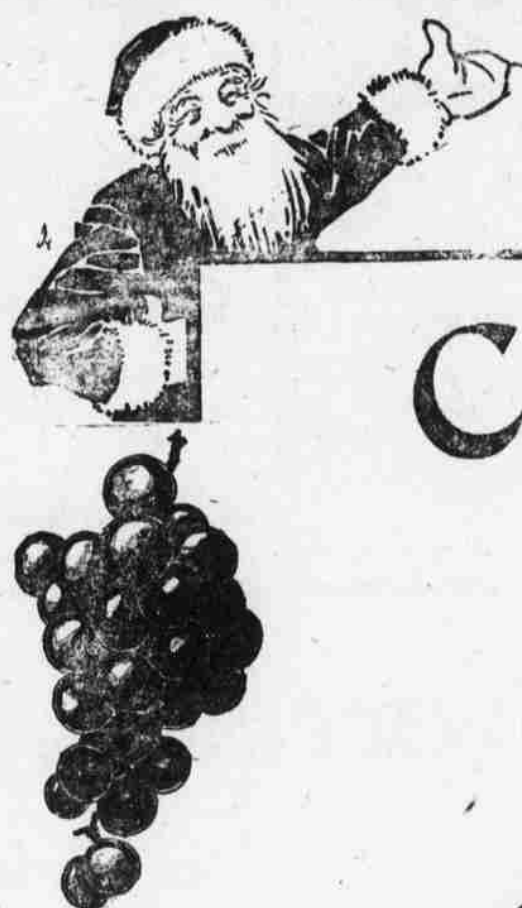
of lives saved, 15,000. Number cases of typhoid prevented, 180,000. Money saved at \$50 per case, \$9,000,000. This is only the money saved, and does not take into account the happiness added to hundreds of homes.

It has also been shown that wherever we avoid one case of typhoid by improvement of the water, we also avoid from two to three cases of other diseases, so that the actual saving is much greater than that shown by the figures. However, these are striking enough to prove that pure water is a prime factor in producing a healthy community and is worth many times the money cost.

Raise \$13 For Armenians.

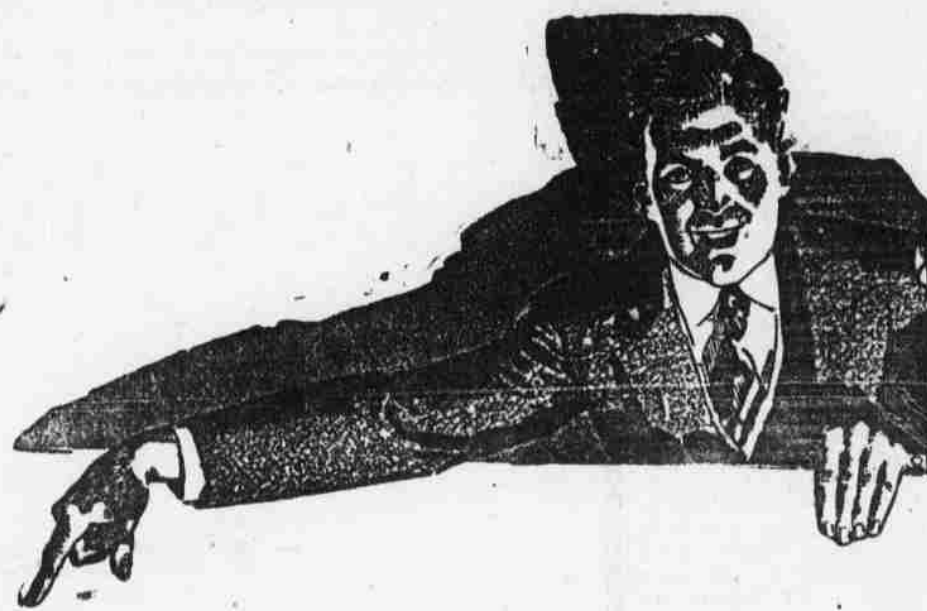
Trinity Church, three and a half miles north of Mexico, raised \$13 offering for the Armenian Relief at church Sunday.

S. B. Boles of Auxvasse was in Mexico Monday on business.

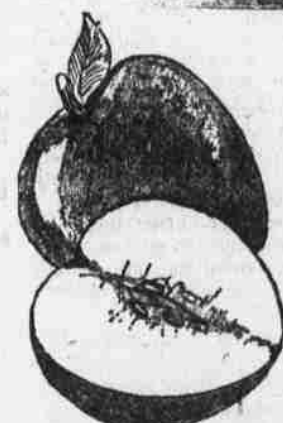


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